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SUBJ: PROPOSED DANISH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF LABOR

REF: HOLMES/WOLTMAN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MARCH 29

1. IN A MARCH 30 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION EINAR EDELBERG, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, TOLD THE LABOR ATTACHE THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF LABOR MINISTERS PROPOSED BY MINISTER AUKEN FOR MAY 26-28 HAVE PROGRESSED SATISFACTORILY AND THAT MINISTER AUKEN WOULD SOON SEND INVITATIONS. THESE WOULD ALL BE DESPATCHED ON THE SAME DAY IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL LETTERS FROM THE MINISTER TO EACH OF THOSE INVITED. EDELBERG THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE SENT AROUND APRIL 7.

2. ACCORDING TO EDELBERG, THE IDEA FOR THE CONFERENCE AROSE DURING THE OECD MEETING ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT HELD IN PARIS LAST DECEMBER. THE SELECTION OF THOSE CHOSEN TO ATTEND THE PLANNED DANISH MEETING WAS HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL BASED ON THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY MINISTER AUKEN WITH SOME OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE WERE FIXED IN COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY MARSHALL AND THE DANES BELIEVE THEY HAVE A COMMITMENT THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE COPENHAGEN MEETING.

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3. PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS ON PARTICIPATION BY THE FRG, UK, US, NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN LABOR MINISTERS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OECD (VAN LENNUP), WHICH IS CHARGED WITH THE PREPARATION OF WORKING DOCUMENTS, AND FROM THE EEC COMMISSION (VREDELING) WILL ATTEND. A FINAL ANSWER FROM THE FRG MUST AWAIT THE RETURN TO GERMANY OF LABOR MINISTER EHRENBURG, WHO IS TRAVELING AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO

BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 3. THE DANES DO NOT EXPECT EHRENBERG
WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MAY MEETING.

4. THE SITE OF THE MEETING WILL BE AN OLD MANOR HOUSE CALLED
SCHAEFFERGAARD, NORTH OF COPENHAGEN. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE
PARTICIPANTS WILL ARRIVE THE EVENING OF MAY 26 AND LEAVE IN THE
COURSE OF THE DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 28. IF, AS EXPECTED, SECRETARY OF
LABOR MARSHALL STAYS THROUGH SUNDAY TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE OF
EUROPEAN LABOR ATTACHES IN COPENHAGEN, WHICH BEGINS MAY 28,
AMBASSADOR DEAN WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM STAY AT THE RESIDENCE.
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